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#### Why does it happen?

It happens to kids who do not make friends easily or do not fit into a group, their looks, the way they speak, walk, size, name, or are weak or shy and unable to stand up for themselves.

Why does bullying hurt? It makes you feel unhappy, scared, lonely, different, loss of confidence, and illness.

How to stop the bullying? Tell a friend or teacher or an adult. Practice what you want to say. Keep notes about what is happening. If it does not stop, ask your parents to call the school.

## Are you a bully?

If you are, get help, speak to a teacher or your parents and remember to treat others as you would like to be treated.

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